

To the FCC

I'm writing to voice my opinion about Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This means not using the public airwaves to promote private opinion in a one sided and biased fashion. This type of use of "news" does not portray or offer viewers a balanced picture on which they can make informed decisions.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

There was a time when I truly believed I could trust what the media would put on television. I no longer find that to be true.

Thank you.